

**HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION  
AGENDA PREPARATION SESSION  
MARCH 9, 2016**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE                    )**                    Agenda Preparation Session  
**COUNTY OF HAMILTON                )**                    March 9, 2016

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, an Agenda Preparation Session of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners was begun and held at the Courthouse, in the City of Chattanooga, in the County Commission Room, when the following proceedings were held, to wit:--

Present and presiding was the Honorable Chester Bankston, Chairman. County Clerk Bill Knowles called the roll of the County Commission and the following, constituting a quorum, answered to their names: Commissioner Beck, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Fairbanks, Commissioner Fields, Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Haynes, Commissioner Mackey, Commissioner Smedley, and Chairman Bankston. Total present - 9. Total absent – 0.

Also in attendance were County Mayor Jim Coppinger, members of his administrative staff, County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, and County Auditor Bill McGriff.

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0:30

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Chairman Bankston indicated the upcoming agenda items would be considered as follows:

- An Order of Designation to the Planning Commission would be submitted as a matter of record.
- Resolution No. 316-17 was the usual County Clerk item regarding notaries, etc. This required no committee assignment.
- Resolution No. 316-24 through 316-27 were assigned to the Zoning Committee, chaired by Commissioner Haynes.
- Resolution Nos. 316-28 through 316-38 were assigned to the Finance Committee, chaired by Commissioner Boyd.
- Resolution Nos. 316-18 through 316-23 were heard by a Committee of the Whole.

Chairman Bankston stated that Resolution Nos. 316-18 through 316-23 would now be heard by the Committee of the Whole.

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 316-18**

Chairman Bankston spoke regarding this item, which reappoints County Engineer Todd Leamon, to the Phase II Storm Water Management Committee for a term ending April 1, 2020.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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1:18 **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 316-19**

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$1,000.00 from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district four, to Chattanooga Room in the Inn, Inc. It was noted the funds will assist with their Children's Enrichment Program.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 316-20**

Commissioner Mackey spoke regarding this item, which appropriates \$5,000.00 from general fund discretionary monies, as allotted to district four, to Churchville Neighborhood Association, Inc. It was noted the funds will assist with youth development.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 316-21**

Chairman Bankston spoke regarding this item, which adds elevator consulting services and technology consulting services to the list of professional, technical, and consultant services that may be obtained subject to section 4.2.4.K of the purchasing rules for Hamilton County.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

2:41

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 316-22**

Chairman Bankston spoke regarding this item, which adopts a funding policy for the Hamilton County employee's pension plan, the Hamilton County Commissioner's pension plan, and the Hamilton County teacher's pension plan.

There were no questions from Commissioners.

3:29

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – RESOLUTION NO. 316-23**

Albert Kiser, Administrator of Finance spoke regarding this item, which authorizes Hamilton County to make an intergovernmental transfer to the state of

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Tennessee's TennCare program in order to secure additional funding from the state of Tennessee's Public Hospital Supplemental Payment Pool (PHSPP) for the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Hospital Authority (Erlanger).

In response to Commissioner Graham's question, he clarified that this resolution simply authorizes Hamilton County to accept public Erlanger funds in the amount of \$9,782,265 and transmit those funds to the state of Tennessee's Bureau of TennCare. Mr. Kiser noted this is the same procedure that was done the past two years (Resolution No. 315-33 and 414-31).

It was explained that the TennCare Program has a financial pool of one million dollars known as the PHSP, which provides health services to TennCare enrollees and uninsured patients serviced by Metro Nashville General Hospital, Regional One Health at Memphis and Erlanger. Erlanger's participation in said pool requires the intergovernmental transfer in order to secure \$27,989,312 for Erlanger from the TennCare program. It was noted that this transfer is no cost to Hamilton County.

Commissioner Haynes, Chairman of the Zoning Committee, announced that the Zoning Committee would be meeting in the Conference Room immediately following the Agenda Session.

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Commissioner Boyd, Chairman of the Finance Committee, announced that the Finance Committee would be meeting in the Commission Room immediately following the Agenda Session.

5:49

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Bankston asked for announcements from members of the Commission.

5:50

Commissioner Haynes thanked Dr. Greg Martin, School Board District 3 member, for attending today's meeting. He echoed Mr. Martin's comments from last night's school board meeting, "What's next?"

6:25

Commissioner Mackey encouraged everyone to attend a community educational forum at Orchard Knob Baptist Church; Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Topic of the meeting will be the readiness of children coming into the school system.

7:04

Commissioner Graham also thanked Dr. Greg Martin, School Board District 3 member, for attending today's meeting. He also echoed Mr. Martin's comments from last night's school board meeting, "What's next?" He encouraged everyone to get involved and volunteer with their local recreation center.

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8:36 Commissioner Boyd reported that he attended last night's ceremony honoring Mr. Fletcher Bright, recipient of the 2016 Ruth Holmberg Arts Leadership Award at Hunter Museum. He spoke highly of Mr. Bright and the reception. He invited everyone to attend tomorrow night's community meeting regarding the Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority (WWTA). The meeting will be co-hosted by Commissioner Fairbanks at Soddy Daisy City Hall, Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

10:15 Commissioner Fields also thanked Dr. Greg Martin, School Board District 3 member, for attending today's meeting.

10:29 Commissioner Smedley congratulated Kristen Legac, teacher at East Hamilton School who was selected as the Southeast Regional Teacher of the Year for high school, grades 9-12 division. She invited everyone to attend tomorrow's groundbreaking for the Collegedale Commons development at the Commons property site next to City Hall in Collegedale from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

11:05 Commissioner Beck thanked Dr. Greg Martin, School Board District 3 member, for his comments and steadfastness at last night's school board meeting. He also thanked the school board for their vote that was rendered last night regarding Superintendent Rick Smith's buyout offer. He thanked Mr. Martin and Ms. Karitsa

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Mosley, District 5 School Board member for voting against the buyout and for making sensible comments regarding the matter.

Commissioner Smedley, Chairman of the Education Committee announced that the education committee scheduled for today has been rescheduled to next Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Regular meeting.

12:21

Attorney Taylor requested that Commissioners and the Mayor meet with him in the adjacent conference room following today's Agenda Session for a brief legal meeting on pending litigation.

12:33

Mayor Coppinger also thanked Dr. Greg Martin, School Board District 3 member, for attending today's meeting. He reported that over 800 people attended last week's open house at the Edney Innovation Center. He reported that he will be giving a speech next Tuesday morning during the Kiwanis meeting taking place at Creeks Bend Golf and Country Club, he encouraged everyone to attend. He also reported that budget workshop dates will be announced soon. The budget will be broken down into three segments and a workshop will be held for each.

14:42

Chairman Bankston welcomed Dr. Martin and thanked him for attending today's meeting.



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**DELEGATIONS**

Chairman Bankston asked for delegations on matters other than zoning. There were none.

Being no further business, Chairman Bankston declared the meeting adjourned until Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:



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William F. (Bill) Knowles, County Clerk

Approved:

04-06-16  
Date

W.F.K.  
Clerk's Initials